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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER TO EGYPT

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- 1. NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER KONG CHIN -T'AE ARRIVED IN CAIRO APRIL 22 FROM SOUTH YEMEN. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES DR. GHANIM. IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT KONG CHIN-T'AE PRAISED SADAT'S POLICY AND ASSERTED EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAD ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSORS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, PRESIDENT SADAT RECEIVED KONG CHIN T'AE IN ISMAILIA ON APRIL 24 FOR 35 MINUTES DURING WITH MESSAGE DELIVERED FROM PRESIDENT KIM IL-SONG LEADING DAILY AHRAM REPORTED THAT THE ESSAGE DEALT WITH MEANS OF PROMOTING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND STRENGTHENING SOLIDARITY AMONG THIRD WORLD PEOPLES. AHRAM ALSO REPORTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/FONMIN FAHMY AS SAYING KOREAN VISITOR HAD EXPRESSED KIM IL-SONG'S ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S WISE POLICY AND HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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WELCOMED DEP PM/MINWAR LT. GENERAL ABDUL GHANI

GAMASY VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. ON APRIL 24 AHRAM REPORTED THAT KONG CHIN-T'AE WOULD MEET FM FAHMY THAT DAY. NO REPORT OF MEETING NOR DATE OF DEPARTURE OF KONG CHIN T'AE SUBSEOUENTLY APPEARED IN PRESS.

- 3. POLCOUNS CALLED ON ROK ACTING CONSUL GENERAL SUK HONG KANG APRIL 28 TO DISCUSS VISIT (AMB WEE DON CHANG IS IN SEOULD FOR CONSULTATIONS). KANG HAD LITTEL TO ADD TO PRESS REPORTS OTHER THAN REPORT THAT KONG CHIN-T'AE HAD ALSO VISITED NORTH YEMEN DURING CURRENT TRIP. HE WAS MOST DISTURBED BY REPORT THAT GENERAL GAMASY WOULD BE VISITING NORTH KOREAN SINCE HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE FOR PURPOSE OF SEEKING SPARE PARTY FOR FUSSIAN MILITARY EQUIMENT WHICH GOE HAS BEEN THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING ELSEWHERE.
- 4. KEANG WAS AWAY OF CONCERTED EFFORT BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES (REF B) BUT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE NO COORDINATED DEMARCHES HAD YET BEEN MADE TO GOE. (COMMENT: GOVERNOR FOR EGYPT-JAPAN-- HAS NOT YET CONTACTED EMBASSY BUT WE WILL CHECK THEM WITHIN NEXT (FEW DAYS).
- 4. CMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO INFO ON NORTH KOREAN
 CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY SPARE PARTS. IF THEY ARE WILLING
 AND ABLE TO SUPPLY SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF MIG ENGINES
 AND OTHER SOVIETSPARE PARTS IT WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY
 DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE GOE TO CHANGE POSITIONON KOREAN
 ISSUE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, NORTH KOREAN MANUFACTURE
 OF RUSSIAN SPARE PARTS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE UNDER LISCENCSE
 FOR USSR AND IF SOVIETS WERE TO PROHIBIT EXPORT OF
 SPARES TO EGYPT (AS THEY DID WITH INDIA) THIS COULD
 REDOUND TO ROK BENEFIT HERE.
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